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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 587  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Gary L. Scott of Kingston Springs and congratulate him on being selected as the Boy Scouts of America "Citizen of the Year".

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize those dynamic business and civic leaders who unselfishly contribute to the improvement of their professions and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Gary L. Scott of Kingston Springs in Cheatham County, who retired from the banking industry on December 31, 1999, after serving the people of his community for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, born on February 28, 1946 in Ashland City, Mr. Scott attended the public schools of Cheatham County and graduated from Cheatham County High School in 1964; he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1971 graduated from the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University, and has participated in various banking and management seminars; and

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WHEREAS, after working as a teacher and coach in the Cheatham County School System from 1968-71, Gary Scott plunged into his chosen field of banking. He completed the Management Training Program at Third National Bank from 1971-73 and was named Executive Vice President of the Cheatham State Bank from 1973-76. Mr. Scott was named Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cheatham State Bank in 1976 and served with distinction and outstanding ability in those positions until 1998; and

WHEREAS, following the merger of Cheatham State Bank with First American Corporation of Nashville on March 31, 1998 in which Mr. Scott served as Chief Negotiator, he was named to a dual role of Senior Vice President of First American and Regional Executive for North Middle Tennessee and City President of Cheatham County from October 1998 to October 1999. The stock merger resulted in a value 24.6 times the 1997 earnings, 3.85 book value of the institution and 31.5 percent of the bank assets on March 31, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Gary Scott also served as President and Director of the CSB Financial Corporation from 1986-98, President and Director of Community Finance Company from 1996-98, Director and Member of the Executive Committee of Plateau Group, Inc. and Plateau Insurance Company since 1987, and Director of the Delta Dental Plan of Tennessee from 1993-97; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott has been active in professional organizations, as a member of the Tennessee, American and Independent Bankers Associations, as a member of the Community Bankers Council of the ABA from 1991-92 and 1997-98 and the Banking Leadership Conference of the ABA from 1992-93. He served as President of the Independent Bankers Division of the TBA from 1990-91, Director of the Independent Bankers Division of the TBA from 1988-94, Director of the Tennessee Bankers Association from 1990-91 and 1993-96, and Director of the Independent Bankers Association of America from 1997-98; and

WHEREAS, Gary Scott has been deeply involved in the civic, political and economic life of the Cheatham County community as chairman of the Cheatham County Democratic Party

from 1980-82 and 1985-87, as a member of the Cheatham County Industrial Development Board from 1980-90, as president of the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce from 1985-88, as a member of the Cheatham County Drug Free Alliance from 1993-98, and as first President and Trustee of Leadership Cheatham County since 1994. He has also been the recipient of the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1998, the Distinguished Leadership Award for 1997 of the National Association for Community Leadership, and the First Class Leadership - Middle Tennessee, Board of Directors for 2000; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Scott's career as a business and civic leader, the highway between Ashland City and Nashville was widened to four lanes, the eight Cheatham County telephone exchanges were consolidated, the South Cheatham County Utility District was reorganized, the Town of Kingston acquired access to sewers, and a high school was built in South Cheatham County. He was involved in those and many more civic improvements and under his leadership the Cheatham State Bank was a major player; and

WHEREAS, Gary Scott saw his profession of banking as an opportunity to "try to make a track in life; leave here a better place than you found; do something with others you could not accomplish by yourself." He made his bank a company of partners, not a company of owners and employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott's concept of partnership was extended under his civic leadership to empower the many civic improvements that Cheatham County and its communities have enjoyed during his working career; and

WHEREAS, such enlightened and imaginative leadership has not gone unnoticed; the Boy Scouts of America, an organization which promotes, among other things, good citizenship and responsible leadership, has awarded him its "Citizen of the Year" award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Gary L. Scott upon being named the Boy Scouts of

America "Citizen of the Year" and commend him for his professional achievements and outstanding public service to the citizens of Cheatham County and to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we join daughter Jana, son Bryan and his lovely wife Becky in expressing our pride in his accomplishments, and wish for him and his family every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.